

City of Live Oak
Special Called City Council Meeting
April 21, 2023

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, April 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064 for a regular monthly meeting. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Council President David Burch, Councilmember Lynda Brown-Owens, Councilmember Tesie Allen, City Attorney Todd Kennon, City Clerk John Gill, & City Manager George Curtis

Council President Burch called the meeting to order.

City Manager George Curtis led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Burch then presented the agenda for any additions, deletions, or changes. Councilmember Owens requested that Walker Street parking and Sweepstakes be added to the agenda. Councilmember Allen made the motion to approve the agenda with the additions, which councilmember Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then proceeded to the next agenda item regarding the approval of March 14th, 2023 regular monthly city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson moved to approve the regular monthly city council minutes as presented, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then opened the floor for public comment.

Kat Meeks Bass, spoke regarding being a grant writer for the city.

With no other comments to be heard, Council President Burch closed public comments.

Council President Burch then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis who proceeded with matters of the city. Mayor Davis reminded council of the ribbing cutting for Palm Street. Mayor Davis stated that he had spoken with DOT about having a workshop to share their plans for the City of Live Oak with the City Council.

Mayor Davis then moved on to discussion with possible council action, resolution 2023-10, a resolution appointing a tenant commissioner to the Housing Authority Board. Mayor Davis advised council that there are 3 candidates for the position. The council stated that they would like to interview them all. Councilmember Jefferson moved to table the appointment of the candidate to the Housing Authority Board due to all applicants not in attendance, which councilmember Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then proceeded to the discussion with possible council action, hiring of interim city manager and opened the floor for public comment.

Wayne Hannaka: spoke about his support for Larry Sessions for interim city manager

Anita Williams: spoke regarding interim city manager and housing authority

Harry K Weaver Jr: spoke in favor of Larry Sessions as interim City Manager

With no other comments to be heard, Council President Burch closed public comments.

Council President Burch then continued with discussion on the hiring of an interim city manager. He stated that there are 3 candidates that had applied for the position; Larry Sessions, Gabrielle Redfern, and Ivic Hurley. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to accept all three applicants for consideration, which Councilmember Allen seconded. Council President Burch then opened the floor for discussion. Councilmember Owens asked if

there was a length of time for this position. City Attorney Kennon advised that there will be a basic contract for the interim city manager that will provide all the conditions including time frame for the position.

Councilmember Owens made the motion to appoint Mr. Larry Sessions as Interim City Manager, which Councilmember Allen seconded. Councilmember Campbell stated that the applicants should have a chance to address the council about the position. Councilmember Owens then withdrew her motion along with Councilmember Allen who withdrew her second. Councilmember Owens then made the motion that all 3 candidates address the Council, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch called Ms. Gabrielle Redfern to address council regarding her application for interim city manager. She stated that she was ready to take on the position and to move Live Oak to its highest possible potential.

Mr. Larry Sessions then spoke about his past experience in government and how he can help the City of Live Oak.

The Third candidate, Ms. Ivic Hurley was not present.

Councilmember Allen then made the motion to appoint Mr. Larry Sessions as the Interim City Manager, which Councilmember Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then moved to the next agenda item, discussion with possible council action, Walker Street Parking. Mr. Curtis stated that there is an Ordinance that states if there is no striping then there is no parking. However, there may not be enough space to make the parking wider. Mr. Curtis stated that he is waiting on a response from the engineers and should hear something next week.

Councilmember Owens proceeded to the next agenda item, discussion on sweepstake games. Councilmember Owens stated there were applications granted to have a gaming facility that include prizes and not money, Mr. Curtis advised the applications were not approved due to the ordinance prohibiting the types of machines that has a simulated game set up, those machines are not allowed.

Council President Burch then proceeded to Councilmember Campbell item on the agenda, electronic water meter installation update to include public response to the upgrade. Councilmember Campbell inquired about the status on the meter installation and what was the public feedback. Public Works Director Jerald Lee approached the council and stated that the new water meters are about 85% completed and as long as the weather permits the project should be completed by this week. Mr. Lee also explained how the software works and how the bill will be generated.

Councilmember Campbell proceeded to the next item on the agenda, code enforcement policies. He stated that he spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Travis Shott about what he would need to do his job more efficiently and Travis stated updated technology and more modern equipment.

Council President Burch then proceeded to Councilmember Jefferson agenda item, Housing Authority board member report. Housing Authority Board member Mr. Alonzo Philmore approached the Council stating that Board Members are not attending meetings. He informed council that HUD will be in Live Oak on April 24th. Mr. Philmore stated that a copy of the last HUD report was sent to the governor also to HUD in Washington DC. Mr. Philmore advised that the board needs new members.

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Anita Williams who was on the sign-up sheet to speak about the Housing Authority stated there should be new board members also and a new director because of complaints.

Council President Burch proceeded to the next item on the agenda, discussion with possible council action on the appointment of Mrs. Tammy Mobley to seat #7 of the Live Oak CRA Board, who will serve out the remaining term through 06/30/2025. Mrs. Mobley approached the Council giving her background and skills that will be beneficial to the CRA Board. Councilmember Jefferson made the motion to approve Tammy Mobley to fill seat #7, which Councilmember Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved to the next agenda item and turned the floor over to Mr. Curtis. Mr. Curtis presented resolution #2023-08, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property from DDJ Development Inc, located adjacent to the Walmart lift station for a price of \$10,000 plus all reasonable closing cost to be determined at closing. Councilmember Owens made the motion to approve resolution #2023-08, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Curtis moved on to the next agenda item, discussion with possible council action Resolution #2023-09, a resolution authorizing the appropriation of Sewer Repair Reserve Funds. Councilmember Owens made the motion to approve resolution #2023-09, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Curtis then proceeded to the next agenda item, discussion with possible council action the final reading of Ordinance 1491, an ordinance amending the Future Land Use Classification of fifty or fewer acres of land on the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-01, by the property owners and/or their authorized designated representative under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes as amended, and article three of the Land Development Regulations providing for a change in the assigned future land use classification from Residential Medium Density to Public, on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak Florida, providing severability repealing all ordinance in conflict proving authority and providing an effective date. Councilmember Campbell made the motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1491, which Councilmember Owens seconded. City Attorney Kennon read Ordinance 1491 title only into record. The floor was then opened to public comment. Hearing none the floor was closed and the vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Councilmember David Burch
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk